

JEAN ELIOT'S
LETTERA Chronicle
of Society

DEAR SUSAN: Did you ever stop to think how much of its official gaiety Washington owes to what may be called the younger set? of the Administration? The Counselor of the State Department and Mrs. Frank L. Polk entertained at dinner for the Japanese ambassador and the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had a dinner for the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston as honor guests at a brilliant dinner party. Mrs. Charles Warren gave a luncheon, small, but very chic, for the Hon. Mrs. John Lyon—within the past week.

And so it goes. While none of the members of President Wilson's Cabinet shirk their social duties, they are not, with a few exceptions, much given to frequent or elaborate entertaining and it falls to the lot of the undersecretaries to keep the official season up to its proper standard of brilliance.

Capital Beasts Brilliant Group in Official Set.
Fortunately the Administration boasts in the William Phillips, the Andrew Peters, the Polks, the Hampsons, the Gays, the Carl Vroomans, the Charles Warrens, and as many others of the "lesser cabinet" as brilliant and engaging a group of young statesmen and diplomats—and their women folk—as have graced the Capital in a decade. Many of the assistant secretaries are men of means, most of them have aristocratic family connections and they are nearly all blessed with wives who know the social game, with its underlying currents of politics and diplomacy, and play it with zest and enthusiasm.

With the exception of the functions for which these young people have been responsible, most of the entertaining in Washington, in the past week has been of an unofficial character. And none of the parties, debutante teas, dances, or the rest, have aroused as much interest as the Nevil Hopkins' really unique and perfectly thrilling dinner dance.

After all, Sue, they did capture a real Oriental—and some Oriental he was, too—for their China wedding anniversary. By the way, what's the serial number of the China anniversary? They tell me it's the twentieth, but knowing Mrs. Hopkins I'm sure that can't be true.

Guests All Mystified by Celestial Personage.
Lao Tse Muh Ya, the celestial personage, received with the host and hostess. He was marvelously arrayed, and one glance convinced everybody that he was no impersonator. The mystified guests, who had been bidden to meet him, had generally presumed that he was a Chinese gentleman of quality, but when they saw this country man, they were a little startled. The mystery of Lao Tse Muh Ya was solved. We are assured that he is a Chinese gentleman of quality, but when they saw this country man, they were a little startled. The mystery of Lao Tse Muh Ya was solved. We are assured that he is a Chinese gentleman of quality, but when they saw this country man, they were a little startled.

During the dinner he sat at a special throne at one end of the library, where the dinner was served. He spoke very good English, and was attended by little Frances Hopkins in a Chinese costume. The waiters, also—those familiar ones from Rauscher's seen at all functions—were done up in Chinese togs and entered completely into the spirit of the affair. Their suppressed amusement at the appearance of their comrades in such unaccustomed grandeur was screamingly funny.

Between the courses a ship's bell was rung, and then Dr. Hopkins would gather slips on which each guest had written a question. These were passed on to the Oriental guest of honor, who through a megaphone answered the questions. The answers were all the way from tremendously clever to wonderfully knowing; everybody recalled Anna Foy, and there was a revival of all the wonderment about "how they do it." I give it up. More occultism was demonstrated when the man-darin—he must have been—spoke of some wonderful mathematical "stunts," such as instantaneous adding of prodigiously big sums in figures on a blackboard.

Two-Minute Speeches Add Spice to Affair.
After the dinner, which was a very complicated affair, and was managed with a remarkable smoothness that did eminent credit to the skill of host and hostess, there were two-minute speeches by the guests. Everybody was compelled to speak. I guess except Randall Hagner; they simply couldn't extract a word from him. The prize for the cleverest talk went to Mrs. Reeve Lewis, a handsome framed Chinese print. Some of the other especially neat remarks were by Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Baker, and John Remey, Jack Siebert, as toastmaster, was in particularly good form, he bubbled with cleverness "all the way," as they say at Juarez and Bowie. I mustn't forget, too, that Bob Elmore put in a delicious introduction of Louis Mann talking through a telephone. The actor wouldn't have known it wasn't himself.

chains. Doesn't it sound alluring and properly barbaric?

All Promise to Appear in Oriental Costume.
All the members of the league have promised to attend in Oriental character, and just as many of the other guests will be in costume as can be persuaded or forced to "dress up." There'll be feature dances, just a few unusually clever ones, as the general dancing is to be THE event of the evening; and to cap the climax there'll be a series of nine tableaux from the Arabian Nights after Dulac and Maxfield Parish.

Little Stage Erected Under Rauscher's Gallery.
For these and the solo dances there'll be a bit of a stage erected under the gallery in the large ball room at Rauscher's, but it's not to be big enough to interfere with the dancing. Lena Hitchcock and Mortimer Clarke are designing the tableaux, and will pose them; and Mortimer is doing the settings. The girls who are to take part are Alexandra Fitch, Candace Howard, Camilla Lip-Pincott, Suzanne Chase, Olga Pilson, Mildred Cameron, the three Denys girls, Dorothy, Gwendolyn, and Muriel; Elizabeth Smith and Julia Brice. Dr. Alfred Hopkins will announce the different scenes.

Mrs. Hal Rust (Mildred Anderson) has promised to appear with Mason Wright, and I think they're planning a burlesque of the Russian Dancers. Others who are to dance are Margaret Farnestock and Syl Stokes, Reeves Harris and Milton Bryan and Enid Sims. Altogether it sounds very gay and festive, and there'll be a number of dinner parties beforehand to add to the jollity of the occasion.

Miss Fillebrown To Go To Adirondack Woods Camp.
Ellen Fillebrown is leaving town January 26 to spend a week or ten days in the Adirondacks for the winter sports, not at a superheated and electric lighted hotel, but at a little camp in the heart of the ancient woods. The camp, which does a flourishing business in summer, is kept open—or rather a small part of it—in winter just for the sportsmen who come up for the hunting; and Ellen and two girl friends of hers from New York are to be special guests.

Doesn't that sound thrilling? The same little crowd were there last year and came home with wonderful tales of skiing, snow shoeing, and all sorts of winter sports. Frances Dunn is another Washington girl who is having a taste of winter in the Adirondacks. She is staying at Lake Placid with her mother, Mrs. Thomas F. Dunn, you know, and they haven't decided just when they'll come to Washington.

Watkins Baby To Be Named For His Father.
The wee son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell Watkins, who arrived just three days too soon to be a Christmas present, is to be called William Bell Watkins, Jr., for his good-looking father. So much I heard yesterday. The baby was born in Philadelphia, and the Washington friends of the mother, who formerly was Gladys Mackay-Smith, are just learning the news.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, whose home is "Maxmewood," near Westtown, Pa., are spending the winter in Philadelphia with Mrs. Mackay-Smith and Virginia Mackay-Smith. They are established in the Quaker City for the season, and their visits to Washington have been few and far between. The house they have taken for the winter, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boyd, is within a stone's throw of the handsome residence occupied by the late Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, when he was bishop of Pennsylvania, which Mrs. Mackay-Smith turned over to the church as an Episcopal residence after her husband's death.

Boyd's Take Apartment For the Winter.
The Boyds, I understand, have gone into an apartment this winter. Mrs. Boyd was a Washington girl, Mrs. Noyes, daughter of the late Crosby S. Noyes and sister of Theodore W. Noyes and Frank B. Noyes. She was a great belle here, and it seems hardly possible that her wedding took place long enough ago for her to have a charming daughter almost old enough to make her debut.

The return of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Sidney Cloman, to Washington, even for a visit, is of unusual interest for they both have hosts of friends here. As Mrs. Victor Clement, there was no more popular young woman in town than Mrs. Cloman, and the gallant colonel—he was captain then—did his courting in Washington. They were whisked off to London, where the captain was made military attaché at the American embassy. All of

which happened fully ten years ago, although it doesn't seem quite possible. The Clomans were back in Washington for an extended visit on the completion of their four years duty in London. Since then they have seen service in the Philippines and various other distant quarters of the globe, they have lately been in Nogales, Tex., where the colonel was on border duty and they are on their way to California, having been ordered to San Francisco. There you have it all in a nutshell.

Clomans Already Much in Demand by Society.
The colonel, who is now on leave, will go on to his post within a fortnight, but Mrs. Cloman expects to remain in town for a month or six weeks. She will be joined next week by her niece, Natalie Campbell, a very charming little California girl, who spends most of her time with her aunt and who will be with her during the rest of her stay in Washington. Miss Campbell is now visiting in Atlanta. The Clomans only got in Thursday, but already their time is filled with engagements. Mrs. Cloman has changed very little in the years of her absence and wears just as good clothes as ever.

You know she was always tremendously chic and her seasons are "ragin' was" equally notable. Her first husband, the late Victor Clement, had large interests in diamond mines in South Africa. Mrs. Clements had a delightful apartment in the Connecticut, and used to give wonderful parties. I understand by the way, that "Jimmie" Archibald was the deus ex machina in the marriage, introducing dashing Captain Cloman to the handsome young widow.

Hubbys' Club Newest Addition To Long List.
Susan, has news of the "Hubbys' Club" reached you? It's a new institution in Washington, and one that is fraught with tremendous possibilities. Its brief it's a bridge club, scheduled to meet once a week, there are only eight members, and—here comes the "joker," the revolutionary clause—the husbands have the running of the club and their wives are allowed no "say" at all. Mr. and Mrs. John Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Minigrove, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. William Burr Harrison—there's the complete membership. The constitution calls for a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and, of course, there's great rivalry as to who shall hold office. P. S. no ladies are eligible for this distinction.

Little Bit of Skating Recalls Other Days.
Washington was treated to a bit of skating weather last week and on Sunday and Monday the basin was black with graceful flying figures. It looked almost like the good old days when Viscountess d'Ay, the de Sibours, Henri Martin, the Meyer girls and the rest of that gay little coterie made skating all the rage. But somehow the seasons are "ragin' us these days. Time was, and not so very long ago, when we used to have three or four weeks of good solid ice every winter and when it was quite usual for the boys to skate to Alexandria. Now if we have two days of ice it's an event.

In New York they circumvent such little difficulties as matters of climate by building ice rinks here and there everywhere. The town's gone quite mad on the subject, most of the big hotels have been forced to provide sheets of ice, and when society is not skating it is thinking and talking skating. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Guinness, who take their sports in de luxe editions, have secured the exclusive use of Scott's Field, an outdoor rink, from a quarter past five to seven o'clock every afternoon during January and have issued a blanket invitation to their friends to drop in and enjoy the sport. Also they are said to be planning a series of evening carnivals on the ice, which will afford the guests an opportunity to appear in fancy costume. Doesn't that sound gay?

Merritt Swift Ordered To Legation at Brussels.
Another bachelor gone, this time Merritt Swift, who has been ordered by the State Department to Brussels as temporary clerk at the American legation to assist our overworked minister. He is to remain until the war is over or until the department sees fit to recall him. Merritt Swift belongs to Washington, as much as the son of an army officer can belong to any one city, and is now living at the Benedictine Hotel. His father, Brig. Gen. Eben Swift, U. S. A., is on duty at Columbus, N. M. If I'm not mistaken, Merritt is a brother of Clara Swift, who married Capt. Evan Humphrey, a cousin of Capt. Denney. His mother, I know, was formerly Suzanne Palmer, sister of Mrs. Harry Lemly. Before being transferred to the State Department, he was

in the Department of Commerce, where he was at one time connected with the editorial division and later with the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. He assisted in the preparation of a report on the tariff systems of South American countries, which was highly commended by his superiors, and did one or two other notable things. Altogether he is one of the rising young men of Washington and I'm glad he's to have so interesting and valuable an experience as this trip to Belgium.

Mrs. Copley Hewitt, of London, to Return Here.
At Mrs. Alan McLane's "at home" last week I met such a charming woman, Mrs. Copley Hewitt, of London, who was stopping at the Lafayette. She left Washington Thursday for Atlantic City, where she is spending a fortnight at Haddon Hall, but she expects to make another visit here at the end of the month. Mrs. Hewitt has many friends in Washington and many more in New York, which was formerly her home. She was a Miss Woolsey of a prominent New York family, but has lived in London ever since her marriage to her English husband.

Buds Find Strain of Successive Parties Wearing.
When Louise Hamilton made her debut last Wednesday, the last of the buds to be formally presented, the day found several of the debutantes ill and many of the others quite worn out. The strenuous round of parties that every bud feels she must attend

during her first season is too much of a strain for almost any girl; and by the time Lent arrives with its slight slackening of the social whirl, there's hardly a bud who isn't a bit the worse for wear. It is so every year.

Louise Hamilton's debut reception was really lots of fun, although there was no dancing. Her chum, Elizabeth Beach, who was presented with her, is one of the three Beach girls, Elizabeth, Grace, and Katherine, all nearly of an age and all unusually attractive. They are not only pretty but unusually animated and jolly. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan H. Beach, they make their home at Montrose on the Rockville Pike, in the charming gray house, with its acres of shady lawns, which Mr. Beach purchased from the Herman Holleriths four or five years ago. Before that they lived in the old Watkins' home on Watkins lane, near Edgemoor.

The Beaches are most hospitable and their big house is always filled with girls, friends of their daughters, Louise and Elizabeth Hamilton, the Burleson girls, Marie and Enid Sims, in particular, are frequent visitors there. Mrs. Beach, who is the best company in the world, was one of the Leesburg Carters, indeed, Outlands, the lovely old Carter estate near Leesburg, which Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis bought a few years ago, was her old home. In the early days of the Administration, Mr. Beach, who is a prominent lawyer, was one of the Assistant Attorneys General. There is one son, Sam, who still is in school.

Bratenahls To Return To Cleveland Park.
The residents of Cleveland Park are delighted with the prospect of having the Very Rev. Dr. George Bratenahl as a neighbor once more. He recently

has purchased from Canon DeVries two and a half lots in Woodley Lane, near the corner of Thirty-sixth street, and expects to build very soon. Indeed, Dr. and Mrs. Bratenahl are already mulling over plans. Their new home will be almost "side by side" with the attractive little residence Dr. De Vries put up several years ago in which he and his mother lived.

Just now the Bratenahls are at 3131 Bancroft Place. The doctor has not lived in Cleveland Park since he resigned as rector of St. Alban's Church several years ago, but as dean of the Cathedral he is closely associated with his old friends and neighbors. He goes out to the Cathedral close almost daily, although his offices are in the Woodward Building.

Wilson-Rohrer Romance Began in Childhood.
The wedding of Ralph O. Wilson and Katherine W. Rohrer last week was the culmination of a childhood romance. Ralph and Katherine grew up together, both living on the Rockville road, about a mile from each other. They were best man and maid of honor, respectively, for Campbell Oliphant and Mary Wallace, who after being sweethearts since small children, were married last Easter.

Ralph and Katherine are both members of families long identified with the District, and particularly Georgetown. Ralph Wilson used to live in Georgetown before his family moved to the big house just at the entrance to Somerset, Md. and since his father's death, his mother, Mrs. Jesse H. Wilson, has returned to Georgetown for the winter.

Katherine's grandfather was the late William Henry Rohrer, of Georgetown. She is a pretty little thing and made a lovely bride. The young people will live in Baltimore where

Ralph has been employed for a few months.

I was relieved to learn that the ladies who assisted Mrs. Charles Henry Butler in receiving the guests at Mr. Butler's famous Montevue Farm breakfast were given their share of the feast. It did seem an empty honor, in more than one sense of the word, that they should simply be asked to receive sans luncheon. But what would you, this annual breakfast is essentially a star affair and "not a bite do they get" a member of the family said to me.

However, the host must have relented, for the ladies remained to luncheon—and such a luncheon! A roast pig six feet long, another half the size, a regular flock of chickens, smelts caught through the ice from a creek on the farm, beans, baked apples, pies, everything save the cigars which topped off the feast, brought straight from the farm in Maine! Doesn't it make you hungry?

Chief Justice White Heads List of Guests.
A menu to make the mouth water, and a heartless person talked to me at length about it I'm wondering if it was Butler's son, Henry Franklin Butler, student at Princeton University, who did the clever pen and ink sketches of Montevue Farm that decorated the menu cards and invitations. He told me that Mr. Butler had gone to prayer meeting in the morning and then stopped by the club—but I mustn't tell all I know must I? Chief Justice White heads the list of guests, 150 strong, who included distinguished representatives of official, diplomatic and resident society, many of whom have been visitors to the farm.

Now, my dear, I must be off and away, for a busy afternoon confronts me. My love to you all.

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